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THE LEPER IS NOW IN TENT AT LONELY WOODLAND SPOT NEAR PICKENS

SPECIAL WAS RUN WITH HIM ABOARD

Smuggled out of Parkersburg at a late hour Wednesday night, the Syrian leper, George Rashid, passed through this city a few minutes after 1 o'clock Thursday morning and at 6:45 he was unceremoniously dumped in the woods just over the boundary line between Upshur and Randolph counties a few miles this side of Pickens.

Rashid was thrust upon the Baltimore & Ohio while a resident of the latter county and this was deemed the proper solution of the perplexing problem that has puzzled the authorities of three states and a big railroad corporation. It was the proper solution in view of the fact that the government was too slow in authorizing his removal to the leper colony on North Brothers Island, N. Y.

The utmost secrecy was employed in the arrangement of the details and in the execution by the Parkersburg authorities with whom the B. & O. co-operated. The whole program was carried out so quietly that not a score of people were aware of the fact that the leper had been deported.

In the meantime the United States district attorney's office at Parkersburg has made application for admission of the leper to North Brothers leper colony, in New York state. The Parkersburg authorities appealed to the Federal officers for aid, and Judge Blizard's office immediately wired to the secretary of the treasury.

The treasury department, which has jurisdiction over the marine hospital service, had made no reply at closing hours Wednesday evening as such matters always require a good deal of formality and red tape.

It is safe to venture, however, that the matter has been given the proper attention and it may be that the leper will be admitted. While the appeal originated with the Parkersburg health authorities and while they no longer have cause to complain, the United States authorities for this district still have the leper in their jurisdiction.

Wednesday, Col. John E. Laird, prosecutor for Wood county, called Governor Dawson by long distance telephone. The governor was informed of the circumstances, many of which he had already gleaned from the press reports.

Governor Dawson said that he thought it a disgraceful proceeding. He said that it was a shame on the State to longer handle and drag the unfortunate man about over the country. Mr. Laird told him that the Parkersburg board of health refused to take charge. He explained the condition existing and said that while the B. & O. did not want to be burdened with the Syrian the railroad company was willing to aid in taking the man back to where he came from.

The governor suggested taking the man back to Elkins, and Randolph county, under the statute would be compelled to take care of him. Mr. Laird decided with the governor that this was the easiest and best solution and what the most humane one.

Meanwhile the State board of health will decline to have anything to do with the case, while the county will take it as a matter for itself.

In observing the doomed man the B. & O. officials observed the utmost secrecy and evidently fearing trouble in this city sent a special officer here to command the local force of B. & O. police and thus prevent any demonstration on the part of the citizens. This proceeding was entirely unnecessary as not a soul with the exception of railroad men and very few of these, were aware that the movement was being made.

The train composed of engine 1414, a day coach containing physicians and guards, a lumber-line box car fitted up for the afflicted man and a caboose for the train crew, arrived in the local yards a few minutes past 1 o'clock. Here the crews changed and engine 748, Engineer Jeffreys and Conductor Acker were waiting at the crossing switch just below the passenger station and the transfer was made. Not a moment was wasted and at 1:25 the train departed over the W. Va. & P. division for Randolph county. It was scarcely day-

light when the county line was crossed.

A tent had been purchased by the railroad company before leaving Parkersburg and supplies for last for a day or two were provided. Rashid was told to get out of the car and did so without objection. The tent was then placed in the woods almost in sight of the tracks and the man made as comfortable as possible. He seemed pleased to be again in a section where friends or at least acquaintances resided. The train then continued on to Pickens for orders and then made the return trip to Weston.

While the momentary stop was made here there was some discussion as to the disposition of the car in which Rashid rode. The physicians were of the opinion that the car should be burned and this may have occurred but nothing has been learned as to that.

Local railroad men evidently had orders regarding the affair for they were very reticent and most went even so far as to deny any knowledge of the leper's passage through the yards.

INDICTED MEN GIVE BOND

United States Deputy Marshal E. D. Hupp brought C. Smith, of Arden, Barbour county, and Charles Stolzenfels, and J. E. Fosette, of Grafton, before United States Commissioner Thomas S. Spates Wednesday night on a capias, indictments having been found against them at the last term of federal court here, charging them with violating the internal revenue laws. They gave bond of \$200 each to appear at the October term of federal court here to stand trial.

A large number of indictments were found at the last term and the deputy marshal will be very busy the next six weeks rounding up the alleged violators for court.

Quaker Snipe, colored, of Randolph county, was lodged in jail by the marshal in default of bond and will remain there until court.

The next term of federal court promises to be a very large one from the criminal docket standpoint.

Y. P. S. C. E.

Edgar R. Moore is leader of the Christian Endeavor consecration meeting at Baptist church on Friday night. A number of absent Endeavorers have sent messages for this meeting and it is hoped every member will be present in person or by message. Topic: "Duty, privilege and excuse." Luke 11: 15-24. At this meeting an offering will be given to Bro. Wheeler Boggs' work in India. Come and welcome!

Special Convocation

A special convocation of Adoniram Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons, will be held tonight for work in Royal Arch, and a banquet will follow.

Twins Born

Twin babies were born to Mr. and Mrs. James F. Ingram Wednesday night on East Main street. They are a boy and a girl and all are doing nicely under the care of Dr. U. W. Showalter. The father is wearing a double smile.

Sale

The Ladies of Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge will have a sale of home-made bread, pies and cakes Saturday, Aug. 4, in the window of the new L. O. O. F. building beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. 22st.

Chapel Building

The Baptist chapel at Northview will soon be under good headway in its construction. The contract for the material has been awarded to the Collins Lumber Company, represented by M. M. Bradford, and the frame work will begin as soon as the material is delivered. The house will be 30 by 50 feet and cost \$1,500 or more.

PYTHIANS REMEMBER THEIR DEAD

Rain prevented the competitive drill, band concert and ball game at the old fair grounds Thursday afternoon by the Grand Lodge of Colored Pythians. A business session took place in the forenoon and the election of officers late in the afternoon.

The grand parade took place at 4 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge and the Grand Court of Calanthe assembled at the court house Wednesday night and in the presence of a large number of Knights and friends eulogized the dead of the order.

The Grand Chancellor called the session to order and introduced Sir J. R. Jefferson, of Parkersburg, as master of ceremonies. Sir Jefferson stated the purpose and nature of the meeting briefly and the program opened with an appropriate selection by the choir. Rev. J. M. Beane pronounced the invocation, Miss Wills Lee sang "Oh, Dry Thy Tears!" and then Sir L. O. Wilson, one of the most polished and eloquent orators, spoke feelingly of the dead members of the order, of this life and the hereafter and the inevitable debt we all must pay. He sought to impress his hearers with the importance of living daily so as to merit the epitaph, when death shall claim them: "His virtues were many and his faults were few."

George Lewis sang effectively "The Old Sexton," and was followed by Mrs. J. M. Hazlewood, who briefly but earnestly and eloquently eulogized deceased members of the order. Mrs. Anna Fulk Davis, of Charleston, sang "The Great White Throne," and Rev. J. W. Jeffries feelingly spoke of those whom the Great Supreme Chancellor had summoned to the Great Beyond. Miss Nellie Lewis, of Montgomery, sang beautifully, "The Kingdom Everlasting."

Sir J. W. Whittico urged the members to live as Pythians and Christians should and thus earn eternal rest, when life shall close on this mundane sphere. Miss Jessie Wilson, of Parkersburg, rendered "Ora Promobis," in excellent voice and the services closed with the doxology.

From 8 to 9 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, the K. of P. band of Charleston, an aggregation of famous musicians, held an open-air concert in front of the court house, with a very large crowd attending. Each number received a generous applause. The band displayed versatility in great style, rendering march numbers, overtures and other difficult selections with ease. Many of our best local musicians were present and pronounced it one of the best bands they ever heard here.

There was a joint session of the Grand Lodge and Grand Court at 9 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The Grand Chancellor addressed the two orders, enthusiastically congratulating them on the remarkable growth and substantial support of the Pythian Mutual Investment association, and aroused greatest enthusiasm by stating that the board of trustees of that corporation had been enabled to declare a six percent dividend as the result of the rental income from a \$27,000 building erected eight months ago in Charleston. He also urged renewed and greater effort in supporting the association, promising greater returns in the future. As the result of his remarks over \$5,000 of stock was taken and paid for within the hour, the Grand Chancellor taking \$1,000 himself.

The growth of the Pythian Mutual Investment Association is marvelous and the report of the master of the exchequer tells in striking manner what the association means to the order and this state.

The report shows that the Grand Lodge has nearly \$100,000 invested in the state and by members. The Grand Chancellor promises that substantial buildings will be erected by the association in the principal cities of this state in the near future. According to the report of the master of exchequer the resources of the Grand Lodge aggregate over \$12,000, the receipts for the past year alone being over \$9,000. Over \$40,000 worth of the stock of the association has been

MR. RITTENHOUSE DIES SUDDENLY

Justin Rittenhouse died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Carr, at Adamston, at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. His demise was quite sudden and wholly unexpected. He had been in failing health some time, but was able to go around. Sunday he visited a daughter at Dola, returning Monday and was up and about the house on Tuesday and Wednesday, but Wednesday evening he grew suddenly ill and expired at the hour stated. The immediate cause of his death were kidney and heart troubles.

Mr. Rittenhouse was a son of Bennett Rittenhouse, now deceased, who was a prominent pioneer citizen of Harrison county, possessed of a large acreage of valuable farm lands, and the subject of this sketch himself was a large and influential farmer, residing at Dola, until recent years, in which he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Carr, at Adamston. His age was 74 years. His wife who was Miss Margaret Salisbury, a native of the county, as was Mr. Rittenhouse, died several years ago.

The surviving sons are Robert W. Rittenhouse, of Sardis, and Samuel Rittenhouse, of Dola, and the living daughters are Mrs. F. M. Pigott, of Dola, Mrs. William McDaniel, of Berryburg, and Mrs. W. W. Carr, of Adamston. The deceased children are Seymour Rittenhouse, Mrs. A. C. Husted and Mary Rittenhouse.

The surviving brothers are Okey J. Rittenhouse, of Parkersburg, and Addison Rittenhouse, of Wallace, and sisters living are Mrs. Susan Powers, of Paintersville, O., and Mrs. Elizabeth Gray, of Kansas. He was a brother of Mrs. R. S. Ogden and Mrs. Benjamin Wilson, deceased.

Mr. Rittenhouse was a prominent member of the Dola Methodist church over thirty years and an honorable, upright man.

The remains were taken to Dola Thursday afternoon, where the funeral and burial will take place at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

OUT OF TOWN GUESTS PRETTILY ENTERTAINED

One of the prettiest porch parties of the season was given yesterday morning by Mrs. William Wallis, complimentary to some out-of-town guests. Lunch was served at 12 o'clock from small tables on the veranda, which were daintily decorated with sweet peas. Covers were laid for twelve. The guests were Mrs. Seebrooke, of Baltimore; Mrs. Frank Armstrong and her guest, Mrs. Hughes, from New York; Miss Lillie Koblegard and her guest, Mrs. Wilson, from Pittsburgh; Mrs. Harry Wade, Mrs. Homer Jackson, Mrs. Frank Dennison, Mrs. Charles Lamberd and Mrs. George Stone.

subscribed for by the various lodges in the state and by members. The Grand Chancellor's report was returned by the committee, charged with its consideration, highly commended. It touched on the history of the Grand Lodge of the past 14 years and the remarkable success attending its finances. It congratulated the officers and members for their fidelity to their duties and obligations and promised greater returns.

The endowment department and the investment association, which are creations of the Grand Chancellor's own genius, consumed a greater part of the report and the Court of Calanthe and the Uniform Rank were given extensive and careful consideration.

Great things were predicted for the negro race in this state through the Pythian and other orders, and through the acquirement of property and business interests.

Another important report highly commended by the proper committee, was that of the Grand Lecturer. That official is probably better acquainted with conditions throughout the state, affecting the order and the race generally, than any other one person in the state, and his report of the state of the order and the progress of the race was very optimistic.

Sir L. O. Wilson is grand lecturer and he is one of the best known, ablest and most popular men in the state, principal of the Weston colored schools.

The joint session adjourned at 6 o'clock.

BIG NEW FAIR HERE NEXT WEEK

MAN BLEEDING TO DEATH

Francis M. Robinson, a prominent Lumberport citizen, is in the city bleeding to death. It may be possible to stop the flow but efforts along that line have not as yet been entirely successful.

Mr. Robinson was seized Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock with a right nasal hemorrhage, at his home, while in his garden hoeing sweet potatoes. He bled all night and at an early hour R. Y. Fortney drove him to the city to receive medical attention. The flow was so great that he was bloody all over. At the physician's office the flow was stopped, but revived when he walked around.

Two years ago the left nasal acted in the same manner and Mr. Robinson then nearly bled to death.

OUR PEOPLE SEE SNAKES

Notwithstanding the fact that this is a reform administration, so-called, more people saw snakes on Thursday here than in the five years previous. Anywhere from 300 to 500 saw them. They are rattlers at the express office on Fourth street, in a big box well wired and consigned to A. E. Kirkpatrick from Winterburn, near Traveler's Repose, in Pocahontas county. There must be twenty-five or thirty of them and some of them are quite large. He will exhibit them at the new fair next week.

NEW UNION CHURCH

A committee of East Clarksburg citizens met the board of directors of the Clarksburg Industrial company Wednesday night and asked them to donate a lot in Industrial for a union church to cost \$2,000. There not being a quorum of the board present definite action was not taken, but it is likely the lot will be donated.

Horse Stolen

The police were notified this morning early that a horse had been stolen from Byron mines and that it was the supposition that the thief was headed for Clarksburg. The horse is described as being a bay of perhaps 1150 pounds and has a tan bridle. There is no crew to the robber.

Helped Sanitation

The city health department took steps this morning to improve the sanitary condition of Elk creek just below Lowndes mill dam. Trash had accumulated at this point and reposed on the banks the water not having arisen sufficiently for some time to carry it away. A two mule team and plow was put to work there this morning and the channel of the stream was slightly changed. In this manner the filth was carried away.

Deeds Recorded

T. J. Bennett to John Widenhofer, 4 acres, Weston road, Clark district.

Henry Lee Martin et al. to Sheridan R. Griffin, 7-8 interest in 8-9 acres, Sardis district.

John P. Ward to Thomas W. Ward, 1 lot, Coal district.

W. Frank Stout, special commissioner, to Erskine W. Martin, 3 acres.

O. L. Helmick to D. F. F. Yeater, 1 lot, Sardis district.

James Hill to Joseph Lambert, 1 lot, Union Heights.

William D. Smith to James B. Smith, 1 lot, Shinnston.

Silas Ritter to James O. Fritto, 35 acres, Tennille district.

W. Frank Stout, guardian of Grover Golden, to Nathan J. Davis, 2 lots, Bridgeport.

The Monk, the carnival man, is back in the city.

Every present indication points to the belief that the first annual fair of the West Virginia Fair Association on its new grounds next week will be one of the largest and most successful meetings ever held in this or any other section of the State. The boast that \$35,000 has been expended on the grounds can readily be appreciated, when one looks at the splendid results which have been attained. Large crowds fill the cars every evening to look over the beautiful prospects, which the grounds now present, in their dawning new coat of white, and the many new, artistic and substantial buildings, which are scattered over the park.

Already the bustle incident to the big meeting next week is to be seen. The merry-go-round has already arrived, the Ferris wheel is in course of construction and innumerable refreshment stands and one hundred and one other diverting attractions are being placed in position. The hammers of fifty carpenters are busy on various buildings which are now being erected and a big gang of dark-eyed Italians are double-tracking the street railway, and erecting additional electric feed lines, necessary to handle the big concourse of people the traction company will be called upon to carry. Secretary Sommers tells the Telegram that at even this early date numerous entries have already been made. Forty head of cattle of different breeds, as many show horses in the various classes and a fair exhibit in the poultry department are now upon the entry books of the association, and the fear of the management is that the two hundred stalls erected for the accommodation of horses and cattle of the show class will not be sufficient.

In the speed classes the situation will probably be more perplexing. Twenty-eight or more entries for the several races have already been made. A representative of the association attending the Erie, Pa., races, says that two car loads of high class performers will be here from that city. Mr. Moore, who is at the New Martinsville fair this week says four car loads will be received from there, and Mr. Cork, who left Tuesday night to attend the Huntington meeting, wires that he will bring two express cars full from that place Saturday. Besides these horses the secretary has numerous inquiries from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia from horsemen, who are anxious to race through this circuit. From present indications it looks as if every one of the light harness race events will have at least ten starters, while more than likely the three running races will be equally as well filled.

The street railway company is making every effort to handle the immense crowds. With three turn-outs now completed and the improved terminal facilities at the track, it expects to be able to handle at least two thousand patrons an hour.

NOTES.

One attraction of the fair next week at the new grounds is a high diver, who will plunge 72 feet in front of the amphitheater daily. He brings with him a good show, which he calls "The Parisian Novelty Girls," who are said to be an especially good show in the way of singing and dancing.

The big merry-go-round is in position and will run all day Saturday to receive the mickels of the boys and girls. It will doubtless receive a large patronage when the big fair begins next week.

The Ferris wheel is the same that gave our country cousins so much pleasure, to say nothing about ourselves, during the last fair on the old fair grounds.

The big white horse Reno, with mane and tail each 13-14 feet long, which was a sensation at the western state fairs, will be exhibited during the big fair next week.

The police found a stray cow out on Monticello avenue this morning about 10:30 and she now ruminates in the city pound. The owner can have her by proving property and paying the costs.